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QUESTION:

By how much has the FBI grown since FY 1981 in terms of positions and budget authority. How does this compare to the Department of Justice (DOJ) as a whole? How does this compare to the following agencies within DOJ: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); United States Marshals Service (USMS); and the Federal Prison System (FPS)?

EXECUTIVE RESPONSE:

The FBI's FY 1988 budget request to the Congress totals 22,974 positions and \$1,484,421,000 in budget authority (direct funding); this compares to FY 1981 appropriations of 19,306 positions and \$680,723,000. Thus, the FY 1988 budget request represents an increase over FY 1981 of 3,668 positions (19% increase) and \$803,698,000 (118% increase). As large as this increase in budget authority may appear, it must be remembered that this amount has not been adjusted for inflation. Quite a different picture emerges when this increase has been adjusted to reflect real growth. In terms of real growth from FY 1981, the FBI has experienced a 69 percent increase in budget authority (direct funding), significantly lower than the 118 percent increase in apparent growth. The FBI's apparent/real growth has lagged significantly behind the apparent/real growth for the DEA, INS, USMS, FPS, and DOJ as a whole.

DETAILS

The first chart below reflects the growth in positions from FY 1981 through FY 1988 for selected DOJ agencies and for DOJ as a whole. The second and third charts reflect the contrast between apparent growth and real growth for these same components.

Growth in Positions

<u>Component</u>	<u>FY 1981</u>	<u>FY 1988</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
INS	10,886	15,453	4,567	42%
DEA	4,092	5,730	1,638	40%
USMS	2,177	2,948	771	35%
FPS	9,225	12,213	2,988	32%
DOJ	55,679	72,814	17,135	31%
FBI	19,306	22,974	3,668	19%

Apparent Growth in Budget Authority  
(\$ in 000)

<u>Component</u>	<u>FY 1981</u>	<u>FY 1988</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
FPS	\$361,799	\$981,694	\$619,895	171%
DOJ	2,345,864	5,646,715	3,300,851	141%
DEA	216,175	522,047	305,872	141%
USMS	92,426	216,092	123,666	134%
INS	371,469	838,828	467,359	126%
FBI	680,723	1,484,421	803,698	118%

Real Growth in Budget Authority  
(\$ in 000)

<u>Component</u>	<u>FY 1981</u>	<u>FY 1988 - Adjusted to FY 1981 \$</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
FPS	\$361,799	\$762,777	\$400,978	111%
DEA	216,175	405,630	189,455	88%
DOJ	2,345,864	4,387,502	2,041,638	87%
USMS	92,426	167,904	75,478	82%
INS	371,469	651,770	280,301	75%
FBI	680,723	1,153,396	472,673	69%

Note: FY 1988 = Request to Congress.